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1. [redacted] Senator Nelson's (D., Wis.) office called and requested that application forms and professional brochures be sent directly to a constituent, [redacted]

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[redacted] The Office of Personnel has been advised.

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2. [redacted] Talked to Miss Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Senate National Security and International Operations Subcommittee, and told her that her request for a staff briefing in preparation for a planned trip by Senator Jackson to China has been put in the mill but I will not have an answer for her until some time Monday.

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3. [redacted] Talked to Mr. Robert Boyer, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, and tentatively scheduled a meeting for Monday afternoon to brief him and Dr. Brady, of the Committee staff, on recent information from Burma. This is by way of followup to the Wednesday luncheon of Mr. Walter Minnick and Mr. Krogh, of the White House staff, with Dr. Brady and Mr. Boyer. See DDP [redacted] Memo for the Record.

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4. [redacted] Met briefly with Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, in the corridor of the Capitol. Mr. Blum told me that he has received a classified book, apparently from Army, on the [redacted] mission that he wants to review before finalizing his selection of documents from the OSS files. In consequence, he hopes to return to Headquarters on Monday to attempt a preliminary designation of documents from the Indochina files for declassification.

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5. [REDACTED] In response to his call, I met with Mr. Art Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who showed me a letter to Chairman Fulbright dated 25 September from the Director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs concerning the burning of 26 tons of opium at Chiang Mai, Thailand in March of this year. Mr. Kuhl asked if it could be possible for him and Carl Marcy, of the Committee staff, to see the Central Intelligence Agency reports referenced by the Director, BNDD, on a completely informal nonattributable basis.

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6. [REDACTED] Talked to Mr. Richard Davis, in the office of Representative Earl Landgrebe (R., Ind.), and told him we have no additional information to that already provided by Mr. John Broger, Director of the Office of Information for the Armed Forces concerning

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[REDACTED] Mr. Davis told me that he doubts that Mr. Landgrebe

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[REDACTED] No further action is required.

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7. [REDACTED] Dr. Joseph Thach, House Internal Security Committee staff, called to determine if the Agency would have any problem if the Committee hearing on certain legislation [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mr. Houston Mr. Thuermer

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8. [ ] Talked to Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, at the suggestion of Angus Thuermer and told him that [ ] whose reports are contained in the OSS files on the [ ] mission, is a free-lance writer in the Washington area and can be located through the telephone book. I also gave him the name of Professor Athalstan Spilhaus, a Woodrow Wilson scholar at the Smithsonian. Mr. Blum said that these names would be most helpful. He made no mention of when he will be returning to Headquarters to further refine the documents selected for declassification during his visit to Headquarters on Wednesday.

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9. [ ] Met with Mr. Steve Berg, Administrative Assistant to Representative Robert H. Steele (R., Conn.), and returned to him the original of a letter from Representative Steele's field office in

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10. [ ] In the absence of Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee Staff of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, I left a message with his secretary, Jane Hatcherson, that [ ] who had been recommended for an interview, has not filed an application nor scheduled herself for testing. In consequence her file is being closed.

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11. [ ] Met with Mr. John Martiny, Chief Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and thanked him for the consideration and assistance given the Agency with regard to the Ervin bill. Mr. Martiny noted that we will probably have the same problem to face in the next Congress.

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25X1 5. [ ] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel,  
25X6 House Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments  
regarding Soviet space program, Soviet military equipment being supplied  
to Syria, [ ] and Soviet SA-5 deploy-  
ment.

25X1 6. [ ] Met with Herbert Hoffman, House  
Judiciary Committee staff, who told me what had transpired at the  
Senate/House conference on the Civil Rights Commission bill  
(H. R. 12652). I thanked Mr. Hoffman on behalf of the Director and  
the Agency for his cooperation in killing the Ervin amendment.

25X1 7. [ ] Met with Chairman Emanuel Celler,  
House Judiciary Committee, to whom I extended the Director's and the  
Agency's thanks for the strong stand he took against the Ervin rider to  
the House Civil Rights Commission bill. Mr. Celler told me that  
Senator Ervin was apparently surprised and dismayed at the failure of  
his fellow Senate conferees to back him up, and indeed he went so far  
as to insist that the record not record his own participation in the  
conference.

25X1 8. [ ] Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations  
25X1A Committee staff, met with [ ] and reviewed  
25X1C the portion of the OSS files relating to the [ ] mission. He did not review  
any of the files relating to Indochina. Since his review of the items selected  
25X1C from the [ ] files was necessarily sketchy, it was agreed that he will  
return to Headquarters at his first opportunity to review them in detail and  
refine his selection to minimize the number of documents to be reviewed  
for declassification.

Mr. Blum indicated that after identifying the specific [ ] mission 25X1C  
documents for declassification, he would like to have them cleared but will  
have to delay any identification of the Indochina documents for declassification  
until the press of other work on his desk slackens.

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1. [REDACTED] Talked to Jim Calloway, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, about the conference yesterday on the Ervin bill. Calloway had no details on what had transpired in the conference, but said that in giving his proxy to Senator Ervin, Senator McClellan had specified that in no circumstances would he agree to the Ervin amendment to the House bill extending the life of the Civil Rights Commission unless CIA was granted a complete exemption. 25X1

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3. [REDACTED] Received a call from Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, concerning the Chairman's request and the Director's response relating to release of OSS documents concerning activities in Indochina. What the Committee would like to do (and it has been discussed rather extensively) is to publish certain of the documents that he has reviewed for the use of all scholars rather than to write a summary paper. I told him that we certainly would prefer that he write a summary paper since the release of the particular documents could well be the opening wedge for release of all OSS files. He agreed that the Committee understands that we are not in a position to set up a historical section for the release of documents but would hope that by publishing these particular documents it would eliminate questions on the subject since the material would be available to interested persons. It was agreed that as a first step he will come by and designate the documents that he feels would be most helpful for Committee reproduction. An appointment was made for 10:00 tomorrow morning, Wednesday, 27 September, for him to visit Headquarters. Messrs. Colby and [REDACTED] have been advised.

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